REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-30 were pending and subject to a restriction requirement. In this response, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group II (claims 1-17 and 28-30) for prosecution and reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims. In addition, claims 1, 3, 5-10, 13, 15-17, and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 18 includes limitations similar to those recited in independent claim 1. For example, both claims 1 and 18 require fuse material to be burned at a predetermined rate and a cavity communicating with both forwardly and rearwardly of a projectile body. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that both independent claims 1 and 18, as well as their respective dependent claims should belong to the same group. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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